

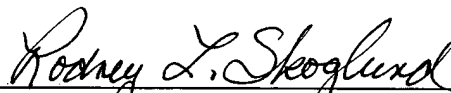
REMARKS

Upon review of the Notice of Allowance and the claims, the Applicants have respectfully decided to cancel claims 30-33 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the claims now sought to be issued are claims 1-29 and 34-44. It is submitted that the cancellation of these claims are simply to a matter of form and no further examination of the claims is required.

Should the Office care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

No fees are believed due at this time. Nonetheless, in the event that a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,



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